

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)
)
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)
)
of Lawrence H. McCallum, III)
)
Certificate 179546)

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 11, 2006. On July 29, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) delivered notice to Lawrence H. McCallum, III, of the possible suspension of his educator certificate, as evidenced by a verification of delivery form signed by Mr. McCallum. Mr. McCallum subsequently contacted the Department's Office of General Counsel on August 7, 2006, and agreed to accept a two-year suspension of his certificate, with the understanding that he has initiated and will continue a course of substance abuse treatment, as determined by a licensed substance abuse professional. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. McCallum's certificate, under the agreed-upon terms as outlined in this Consent Order.

Lawrence
H.
McCallum,
III

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Lawrence H. McCallum holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has over ten years of teaching experience. During the 2005-06 school year, Mr. McCallum was employed as a Special Education teacher at Camden Middle School in the Kershaw County School District (District). Mr. McCallum resigned from the District on March 20, 2006, following his arrest on charges of 1) second offense driving under the influence, 2) violation of ABC laws, and 3) possession

of marijuana. Mr. McCallum previously pled guilty on November 16, 2005, to a charge of possession of marijuana.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The State Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Lawrence H. McCallum, III through October 10, 2008. Accordingly, the State Board issues this Consent Order of Suspension. If Mr. McCallum wishes to have his certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he must submit to the Department's Office of General Counsel verification from a licensed substance abuse professional that he has successfully completed or is continuing the recommended course of treatment, as determined by the substance abuse professional, and he must submit a current criminal record history from the State Law Enforcement Division or copies of any relevant court orders indicating that all court-ordered requirements have been completed. Mr. McCallum also must appear before the State Board of Education for a character fitness review.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac
Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
September 13, 2006

I, Lawrence H. McCallum, III, S.C. Educator Certificate 179546, do hereby agree to this Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on October 11, 2006.

/S/ Lawrence H. McCallum, III _____
Lawrence H. McCallum, III Date